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SUBJ: COUNCIL OF SOUTH-EAST ASIA LUMBER PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION
(SEALPA)

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1. SOUTH EAST ASIA LUMBER PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION (SEALPA) WAS ESTABLISHED IN DEC. 1974 BY LUMBER PRODUCERS FROM INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES AND MALAYSIA. THIS IS STRICTLY A PRIVATE CONCERN WITHOUT THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE FEDERAL GOM OR THE PENINSULA MALAYSIA TIMBER INDUSTRY BOARD WHICH IS A SEMI-GOVT BODY. THE FORMATION WAS INITIATED BY INDONESIAN LUMBER PRODUCERS TO ARREST THE DECLINING TIMBER PRICES AND TO REGULATE THE PRICES.

2. FOR 1975 SEALPA AGREED TO SET AN EXPORT QUOTA OF 24.5 MILLION CUBIC METERS OF TIMBER. INDONESIA EXPORTING 47 PER CENT, MALAYSIA 28 PER CENT AND PHILIPPINES 25 PER CENT.

3. MALAYSIA IS REPRESENTED BY SENATOR DATUK SYED KECHIK BIN MOHAMED WHO IS THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF SEALPA COUNCIL AND DIRECTOR OF THE SABAH FOUNDATION, THE LARGEST PRODUCER AND EXPORTER OF TIMBER, WHICH WAS GRANTED BY THE SABAH GOVT. ON 28 DEC. 1970 A 3,000 SQUARE-MILE CONCESSION AND A 300 SQUARE-MILE MANAGEMENT RESERVE.

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